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The Office Action mailed April 22, 2003 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Present Status of the Application

The Office Action rejected all presently pending claims 1-4. Specifically, claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Auvil et al. (US 5,240,474) in



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Dear Sirs,

In response to the Office Action, dated April 22, 2003, enclosed please find:

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Thank you for your assistance in the subject matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,
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